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WVDA Urges Public to Not Plant Foreign Seeds

Charleston W.Va. -- The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) released the following statement regarding unsolicited seeds:

“Like other states, we have been made aware of reports from people in West Virginia that have received seeds in the mail that they did not order. Unsolicited seeds could be invasive, introduce diseases to local plants or be harmful to livestock. We are working with the USDA to determine the proper recourse for such seeds,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

“If you have received seeds from another country, do not plant them if they are in a sealed package and do not open the sealed package. Keep the seeds and packaging and contact the WVDA,” Leonhardt said.

For more information or to report unsolicited seeds, contact 304-558-2226.

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture protects plant, animal and human health through a variety of scientific, regulatory and consumer protection programs. The Commissioner of Agriculture is one of six statewide elected officials who sits on the Board of Public Works.

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